

CDC's Emerging Infections Program
CDC/USDA/FDA Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network
Steering Committee Conference Call - MINUTES

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2004
Time: 2:00-3:00 EST
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Attendees:	CA
OR	TN
NM	CO
TX	NY
MN	USDA – FSIS
MD	FDA – CFSAN
GA – MSA	CDC – Parasitic
CT – Yale	CDC - EHSNet
CT - State	

A. Administrative

1. Welcome new senior epidemiologist – Olga Henao
2. Status of manuscripts – comprehensive list
 - a. Active/Published manuscripts
 - a. Eileen Dunne (#89) rejected by JAMA, discussions on resubmission
 - b. Kathleen Koehler (#88) – ready to be submitted to journal
 - c. Malinda Kennedy (#85) – moving forward, will be in clearance soon
 - d. Penina Haber – GBS/flu vaccine
 - e. Tim Jones – stool kit manuscript
 - b. Publication guidelines
 - a. Revised publication guidelines – Paul, Drew, Duc
 - b. Changes made
 - i. Now in complete compliance with NEJM
 - ii. Full/active participation by co-authors, no token authors
 - iii. Will follow FN standard to offer authorship to all participating states, states to evaluate ability for full participation by co-authors
 - c. Vote on revised guidelines - ACCEPTED
3. Vision Meeting
 - a. To be held Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, 2005 in Nashville, TN
 - b. Similar format to last year
 - A. Thursday – review of priorities
 - B. Friday - MMWR discussion, priority setting
 - C. Discussion
 - A. Feedback from last year – worked well
 - B. Adequate time for comment on MMWR
 - C. Updates from partners unable to travel to TN to be teleconferenced in
 - D. Vote to keep structure from last year - ACCEPTED
 - c. Possible satellite meetings
 - A. Coordinators afternoon prior (1/2 day)
 - B. Attribution discussion (1/2 day)
 - C. Discussion
 - A. Would like both satellite meetings before Vision meeting, not overlapping
 - B. Attribution satellite meeting - ACCEPTED

B. Surveillance

1. Performance Standards
 - a. Coordinators have been revising and setting performance standards
 - b. Measures related to case follow-up
 - A. # cases with unknown hospitalization - change target to <=15% unknown
 - B. # hospitalized cases with unknown outcome - change target to <=5% unknown
 - c. nice to have bar set a little higher
 - d. good work by coordinators in setting quality standards
 - e. Changes ACCEPTED as written
2. 2003 Annual Report
 - a. finally received 2003 census data
 - b. report in clearance
 - c. important stylistic changes made in this year's report
 - d. delay due to census data – maybe explore publishing report without final census data so that report can come out earlier
 - e. two proposals – go forward without census data or go forward with census data?

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3. HUS/Outbreak data
 - a. HUS data
 - A. 2004 – 55 cases reported, 44 were reported in FN catchment
 - A. highlight efforts of MN and TN
 - A. MN – utilizing methods to identify O157 and non-O157 cases
 - B. TN – 15/16 cases with O157 identified
 - A. TN has one person dedicated to each case for immediate follow-up
 - B. 88% states identified O157
 - B. 2003
 - A. starting to finalize – please check that what is listed here matches state records
 - b. Outbreaks – 183 reports in FN
 - A. Numbers will increase as final summaries entered
 - B. Will reconcile EFORS reports with OB supplemental data
 - A. Linelists from Cindi for reconciliation
 - C. # outbreaks and rate for this year similar to last year
 - D. % unknown etiology decreasing (52% 2003, 60% 2004)
 - E. 2005 MMWR summary
 - A. consideration will be given to including outbreak data
 - B. look at changes in incidence of outbreaks (outbreaks per million people) in partnership with OB WG and Outbreak unit – preliminary data will be discussed at next WG call
 - C. compliments to Tim Jones et al for stool kit manuscript (Tauxe)
 - A. are people using these kits? Will be useful in decreasing unknown etiology
 - B. TN – still using kits
 - C. CA – study ended, are encouraging county depts to use and has been an increase in looking for viral
 - D. OR – has kit, hasn't started using yet
 - E. Complete summary of use will be presented in next OB WG call
 - D. CA had outbreaks, need to be reported
 4. Linking – FN and NARMS
 - a. Thanks to states for returning reconciliation linelists
 - b. All NARMS isolates from FN catchment area in FN (should be 100%)
 - c. Preliminary table in data packet
 - A. We are up to 92% linked
 - B. Includes carriers/duplicates/exceptions reported to FN that are in NARMS
 - C. NARMS hasn't closed out 2003 testing yet
 - d. Also going to look at % of cases in FN had isolate sent to NARMS and compare to current sampling scheme
 - e. Increasingly working to link PulseNet with NARMS
 - A. Goal is link from FN, NARMS, and PulseNet
- C. Update on case-control and other studies
1. *Listeria*
 - a. All data analysis is complete
 - b. Manuscript (Jay Varma) being written
 2. *Salmonella* Newport
 - a. Two manuscripts in progress
 - A. Risk factor – Jay Varma
 - A. Have additional information added to dataset, and final analysis for risk factors almost complete
 - B. Clinical outcomes – Rose Devasia
 - A. Draft here, moving forward
 3. *Salmonella* Enteritidis
 - a. Two analyses/manuscripts
 - A. Risk factor (Ruthanne Marcus)
 - A. Analysis complete
 - B. PFGE analysis (Dave Boxrud)
 - A. 7/223 isolates with atypical SE PFGE patterns; re-serotyped to confirm SE
 - B. Phage type results – 4/7 atypical PFGE patterns are PT14B
 - b. FSIS SE Working Group – Patsy White
 - A. Working on developing analysis plan for multi-disciplinary team (micro, risk analysis, epi)
 - B. Looking at SE in HACCP data
 - A. Phage typing, PFGE
 - B. Data team and writing team working towards manuscript in 2005
 - C. CDC would love to see preliminary results in an effort to understand results in SE caco risk factor manuscript
 4. Infant *Salmonella/Campylobacter* (Tim Jones)
 - a. Have looked at a couple rounds of initial bivariate results

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- b. Starting to talk with UMN about multivariable modeling
- 5. *E. coli* O157/HUS
 - a. Historical – making progress on 2nd case control study (Malinda Kennedy) under Drew's leadership
 - A. Proposal for co-author determination
 - A. Email to PIs with abstract co-author (many of whom are no longer with FN) for PI to make evaluation of appropriate co-author
 - B. Draft to designated co-authors next week
 - B. Contact original co-authors and then approach PIs?
 - A. Will stay with this proposed method
 - b. O157 cohort study
 - A. In clearance at CDC – out by January 2005
 - B. To states in January 2005
 - C. Will launch as soon as possible in 2005
- D. Update on Working Groups and Projects
 - 1. HUS/STEC (Cindi Snider)
 - a. Minutes from WG 11/18
 - b. Agreement to do hospital discharge data review 2000-2002
 - A. Want to calculate incidence
 - B. Want to evaluate sensitivity of surveillance efforts
 - C. Some sites still evaluating feasibility
 - c. Hospital discharge review is not an essential part of the surveillance efforts, but we will look at over a three year period to decide if it should be included in surveillance
- E. Proposals
 - 1. Variations in rates of hospitalization among *Salmonella* serotypes (Tim Jones)
 - a. Idea came out of NARMS/FN WG case control study to look at adverse events associated with antibiotic use
 - b. This proposal is to look at outcome data we have to see if further study is warranted
 - c. Substantial differences in outcomes by serotype from 1996-2003?
 - d. Vote: ACCEPTED
 - 2. Estimating duration of illness from population surveys of acute gastroenteritis (Elaine Scallan)
 - a. Proposal from international WG
 - b. Duration of illness issues – people still suffering from symptoms at time of interview
 - c. Use data from FN pop surveys and data from Ireland, Canada, and Australian pop surveys to explore in more detail
 - d. Data analyzed in house, summary data to be provided to Lesly Daly (Ireland, lead)
 - e. Vote: ACCEPTED
- F. Miscellaneous
 - 1. NARMS
 - a. Enhancements to NARMS
 - A. Retail food sampling scheme enhancement
 - A. Stores being selected in a more rigorous way
 - B. On track to implement new process Jan 1, 2005
 - B. *Campylobacter* sampling scheme changes
 - A. Result of NARMS external review recommendations to improve sampling scheme
 - B. NARMS retreat resulted in new scheme
 - A. In FN sites (from 1 isolate a week) to systematic (1 in 3, 5, or 10 depending on counts in each site)
 - B. Effective Jan 1, 2005
 - C. Discussion
 - A. Has NARMS lab capacity been increased to test more?
 - A. NARMS lab willing to receive up to 900 isolates/year (previously only 600/year)
 - B. Moving to broth sensititer from E-test to increase efficiency
 - B. Systematic scheme
 - A. To account for difference in *Campylobacter* counts
 - A. ie: MN – 680 *Campylobacter* would do 1 in 3 or 1 in 5
 - B. TN – 60 *Campylobacter* would submit all
 - 2. EHS-Net Strategic Meeting
 - a. FN well represented
 - b. Summary of 2005 activities that impact FoodNet in packet
 - A. Review of tomato handling practices
 - c. FN and EHSNet partnering
 - A. To be discussed in OB WG meeting
- G. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines
 - Interventions call moved up a week

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Infant Illness WG call will be January 27th, 3-4pm (EST)

1.	Thursday	Dec. 9 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	HUS/STEC Working Group call
2.	Monday	Dec. 13 th	1:00-2:00 pm EST	<i>Shigella</i> Working Group call
3.	Monday	Dec. 13 th	2:00-3:00 pm EST	Infant <i>Salmonella/Campylobacter</i> case-control study
4.	Thursday	Dec. 16 th	1:00-2:00 pm EST	Antimicrobial Resistant Working Group call
5.	Thursday	Dec. 16 th	3:00-4:00 pm EST	Outbreak Working Group call
6.	Tuesday	Dec. 21st	2:00-3:00 pm EST	Interventions Working Group call
7.	Thursday	Dec. 30 th	3:00-4:00 pm EST	Infant Illness Working Group call
8.	Wednesday	Jan. 5 th	1:00-2:00 pm EST	<i>Campylobacter</i> —Lab Survey Subcommittee
9.	Wednesday	Jan. 5 th	1:00-2:00 pm EST	<i>Campylobacter</i> —Grocery Store Subcommittee
10.	Wednesday	Jan. 5 th	3:30-4:30 pm EST	Validations of Multipliers Working Group call
11.	Monday	Jan. 10 th	1:00-2:00 pm EST	<i>Shigella</i> Working Group call
12.	Tuesday	Jan. 11 th	2:00-4:00 pm EST	January Update meeting
13.	Wednesday	Jan. 12 th	4:00-5:00 pm EST	Burden Working Group call
14.	Thursday	Jan. 13 th	2:00-3:00 pm EST	January Steering Committee call
15.	Thursday	Jan. 27 th	11:00-12:00 pm EST	Attribution Working Group call

H. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, December 17th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, January 5th

I. Additional Comments

1. European efforts underway to start a European FoodNet
 - a. Will be visitors at our Vision meeting
2. Monophasic Typhimurium – Italy also looking at this, it is now #3 in humans and is found in pigs
3. Cluster of bovine TB cases in children identified by RFLP; 5/6 had eaten queso fresco
 - a. Consider linking with TB colleagues for foodborne aspects of bovine TB